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1. This application contains sequence disclosures that are encompassed by the definitions for nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences set forth in 37 CAR 1.821(a)(1) and (a)(2). However, this application fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CAR 1.821 through 1.825 for the reason(s) set forth on the attached Notice To Comply With Requirements For Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures.

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ja-Na Hines whose telephone number is (703) 305-0487. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:30-5:00 pm (Eastern Time) and 7:30-4:00 PM every other Friday.

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